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Exercise, exercise, exercise
Team Incirlik sharpens warfighting skills

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Tech. Sgt. Ronald Younglove, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron Electrical Systems Craftsman (left), and Senior Airman Jason Kulseth, 39th CES alarm maintenance journeyman (right), perform damage checks during the enemy attack exercise. They are part of the disaster assessment team. See story on Page 9. (Photo by Master Sgt. William Gomez)

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New USAFE commander greets troops, wishes all a happy holiday

By General William T. Hobbins
 Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – What an exciting time to be a part of U.S. Air Forces in Europe! It is with tremendous excitement and humility that I accept this opportunity to be your commander, leading the bravest Airmen today's Air Force has to offer. I am deeply privileged to serve side-by-side with proven warriors who have answered the call to defend freedom around the world!

Standing beside me in this team effort for the second time is our Command Chief, Chief Master Sergeant Gary Coleman. Chief Coleman was particularly instrumental to the great success we experienced when he was my command chief at 12th Air Force in Arizona just two years ago.

I'm also looking forward to building on our already great relationship with the men and women who make up Allied Component Command-Air Headquarters Ramstein. It is truly a great honor for me and my family to serve again in the best command in the Air Force!

In my few days on the ground as your commander, I'm already impressed by the teamwork and dedication I've seen. It's only through your hard work, devotion and sacrifice that the command has been able to achieve the level of greatness it already boasts. U.S. Air Forces in Europe is renowned for its Combat and Special Interest Program, and this will serve as the foundation for our continued success. Through everyone's exceptional commitment and solidarity with our allies, we'll build on these strengths. The USAFE mission is important, demanding and far-reaching; continue to conduct it with the safety and efficiency you always have.

The operations tempo is high and that isn't going to change anytime soon. To you, I pledge my unwavering loyalty, clear communication and support. I ask that you dedicate yourselves to working with each other



Gen. William T. Hobbins

and me. Together we will build upon the tremendous legacy of those who served before us as we continue our fight along the front lines against terrorism around the globe. I recognize the contributions that you and your fellow Airmen make are vital to our continued success.

The holiday season is also quickly approaching – take the opportunity to spend quality time with your families and friends, reflect and revive those relationships that sustain you. You've worked hard and you deserve it.

As I get settled in, Chief Coleman and I will travel to the many bases throughout the command. I am looking forward to getting to know you. I'm particularly interested in what your challenges are so we can aggressively work to minimize them. Together we'll endeavor to strengthen even further our already stellar track record of teamwork with each of our NATO friends and allies. I'm looking forward to personally meeting many of you in the very near future. And I'm honored to have been chosen to lead you into that future.

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. David Wilmot
39th Air Base Wing vice commander

Diversity

Part of the strength of the U.S. Air Force and Team Incirlik is each individual has a broad base of experience to draw from. Each person's knowledge and experience adds to the collective knowledge and experience of the Air Force. By adding to this pool it expands our ability to understand and effectively deal with each other and our adversaries.

By sharing all of our racial, ethnic, cultural and religious experiences we can achieve great things. All it takes is a willingness to come to the table and share, listen and learn. If we can do this, everyone will leave that table enriched and better able to serve the needs of our country and the world.

Holiday celebrations

With the holiday season well underway, spending time with family is as important as ever. Please don't forget about all the unaccompanied Airmen who are a part of Team Incirlik. We are all a part of a larger Air Force family. Because of this, opening your home to these Airmen whose families may be thousands of miles away can help remind them that no matter where they are with the Air Force, they are never truly without a family.

Travel safety

The holidays are an excellent time to get out and see some of the wonders of Turkey and other countries in the area. While you are traveling remember to stay alert and follow a few simple rules.

♦ Don't trust anyone you don't know or aren't scheduled to meet. While there are a lot of genuinely friendly people out there who really do just want to help, it is better to err on the side of caution than take a stranger at face value and get taken advantage of.

♦ If you're someplace you don't speak the language you may want to take a business card with the name and address of the hotel you are staying. This way, if you get lost, you can hail a taxi and show the driver the card with the address to get back to where you are staying.

Force protection

Be cautious of standing out too much. People who don't blend in with their surroundings may quickly become the target of terrorists and other criminals. Dress conservatively and observe the people around you for cues on how to behave.

Always be aware of your environment, keep a low profile and remember – your eyes and ears are critical weapons in the war against terrorism.

Know what to look for. Be aware, be alert and always report the following:

- ♦ Surveillance
- ♦ Elicitation
- ♦ Tests of security
- ♦ Persons who seem out of place
- ♦ Acquiring supplies
- ♦ Dry runs
- ♦ Deploying assets

As always, report any suspicious activities to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

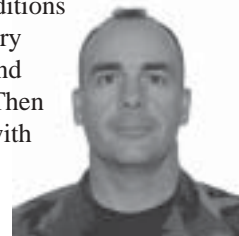
YOUR TURN

How do you plan on sharing your holidays with others?

"We take traditions from each country we've lived in and combine them. Then we share them with people we invite over."

—Master

Sgt. Dennis Wingett, 39th Communications Squadron



"I'm volunteering with the children at the elementary school. I'm helping with the Secret Santa program."

— **Airman 1st Class Christina Brown, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron**



"I like to travel and meet with friends during the holidays. This year I'm spending Christmas in Pisa, Italy and celebrating the New Year in Moscow."

— **Staff Sgt. Uttam Reddy Erik Herzig, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron**



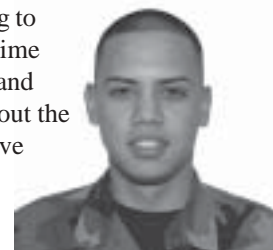
"We have friends and family over Christmas Eve."

— **Capt. Theresa Thomas, 39th CS**



"I'm going to spend some time with friends and reminisce about the things we have done."

— **Airman 1st Class Shaun Zinner, 39th CES**



39th Air Base Wing Air Expeditionary Force cycle

Incirlik's main Air Expeditionary Force cycles are 5/6 and 9/10 for people from the 39th Air Base Wing and it's geographically separated units.

AEF 5/6: More than 60 people went to 15 locations.

AEF 9/10: More than 65 people going to 15 locations.



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

USAFE reigns pass to Gen. Hobbins

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Gen. William T. Hobbins assumed command of United States Air Forces in Europe from Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong Tuesday at a ceremony on Ramstein AB.

General Hobbins, who previously worked as Warfighting Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and acting Chief of Information Officer for the office of the Secretary of the Air Force, will

begin his term as USAFE commander just five years after he last left the command as its director of Aerospace Operations.

“Robbin and I are absolutely thrilled to be back in Germany,” the general said. “We look forward to rekindling the friendships we shared just a few short years ago.”

During today’s ceremony, General Hobbins shared his admiration for the command’s previous commander, as well as spoke of his plans for the future.

“In my last function, I found inspiration in the understanding that decision superiority is not narrowly about technology, but broadly about the emerging military response to the information age,” the general said. “Our history of air dominance using agile deployability and geographically dispersed forces makes complete battlefield awareness essential for success. My goal is to lead a command instilled with these world-class information capabilities.”

After assuming command, General Hobbins spoke in English and German to thank his distinguished guests, including Gen. James L. Jones, U.S. European Command commander; Gen. T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force; General Foglesong and his family; as well local community, state and federal workers, in addition to the men and women of USAFE.

In his farewell speech, General Foglesong expressed his admiration for USAFE’s Airmen and the tremendous job they’ve done during his term as commander.

“We have done great things and I have been privileged to work with such a fine group;

not only of Airmen, but of Marines, Soldiers, and Sailors as well as our European Allies. We have continued the incredible legacy of accomplishments that NATO has achieved over the last five decades,” General Foglesong said.

During General Foglesong’s tenure, USAFE stood up the Air Force’s Warfighting Headquarters and established Centers of Excellence for Expeditionary Operations, Air Dominance and Joint Fires. The general also led a robust theater security co-operation effort, vis-

ited more than 60 countries and established new relationships in USAFE’s area of operations. Since taking the USAFE flag, he instituted 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs that have significantly improved mission readiness and quality of life throughout the command.

As the new USAFE commander, General Hobbins also has three other titles: commander, Allied Air Component Command Ramstein; air component commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein AB, Germany; and director, Multinational Joint Air Power Competence Center, Kalkar, Germany.

General Hobbins is a 1969 Officer Training

School graduate and command pilot with more than 4,275 flying hours. He entered the Air Force in December 1969 as a graduate of Officer Training School. He has commanded two tactical fighter wings and a composite air group. He has served as the Director of Plans and Operations for U.S. Forces Japan, Director of Plans and Policy for U.S. Atlantic Command, and the Director of Operations for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. As the USAFE Director of Operations, General Hobbins was responsible for the planning, beddown and execution of combat forces in Europe for Operation Allied Force.

While serving as Commander, Air Forces Iceland, he led the composite wing in the intercept of 80 Soviet bomber aircraft in nine months. During his tenure as 12th Air Force Commander, General Hobbins deployed the 12th Air Force’s Air Operations Center to Southwest Asia as operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom’s alternate AOC prior to the beginning of the hostilities.

He was confirmed for appointment to the grade of general and assignment as USAFE commander on Oct. 28, 2005. General Hobbins now leads USAFE, which includes more than 32,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian members.

USAFE’s mission is to plan, conduct and coordinate offensive and defensive air operations based on tasks assigned by the U.S. EUCOM commander. The command’s diverse responsibilities also include in-theater airlift and air refueling operations, and encompass 23 million square miles, from Greenland to Russia and Norway to Africa.

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— Gen. William T. Hobbins
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander



Photo by Master Sgt John Lasky

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, United States Air Force Chief of Staff (left), passes the United States Air Forces in Europe flag to Gen. William Hobbins (right) during the change of command ceremony as Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant (center), looks on Tuesday.

Phase II

Airmen face retraining into new specialties

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program Phase II, which started Nov. 18 and continues until retraining targets are met, will involuntarily retrain up to 777 active-duty Airmen.

Enlisted retraining staff personnel at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, will place Phase II involuntary retraining candidates into Air Force specialties to help balance the enlisted force.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by moving Airmen from career fields with manning surpluses to those experiencing shortages," said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe,

Air Force Enlisted Retraining NCO in charge.

In Phase I of the program, Air Force officials notified more than 3,000 Airmen selected as vulnerable to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of career fields they would most like to retrain into. Of that number, AFPC approved nearly 300 Airmen to change career fields or separate.

"The Air Force makes every effort to place Airmen through the voluntary retraining phase, a program that allows Airmen to apply for their preferred career field choices," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the AFPC skills management branch. "Now, during the involuntary phase, we must place the overage Airmen in the remaining shortage AFSCs to

best position enlisted manpower to meet Air Force mission requirements."

For those retraining selectees, the enlisted retraining staff will work with each Airman to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Airman and his or her family while still meeting the needs of the Air Force, according to Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force Specialty Code will be updated weekly on AFPC's Web site starting Dec. 1 at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining.htm>.

For more information about the program, call the 39th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight at 6-3280.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Chatting with the troops

Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander, meets Airmen from the 728th Air Mobility Squadron Aerial Port

Flight during a visit here Wednesday. The general also presented coins to a number of Airmen in the 728th AMS.

Ready to go

ADSL available in time for holidays

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Effective Dec. 1, residents of Incirlik were able to sign up for the long-awaited, high-speed Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line or "ADSL" Internet service.

The 39th Communications, 39th Contracting and the 39th Services Squadrons worked together to finalize negotiations to implement ADSL this past summer.

"While we know the long wait was frustrating, the communications, contracting and services squadrons, are really hoping this service will be a morale boost to the community," said Lt. Col. Mike Platt, 39th SVS commander.

To sign up for the ADSL service, users will need to visit the bowling alley's ADSL office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Users must have a working telephone line and a valid identification card – a club card is optional. Payments for club members will be debited monthly via the club card. Payments for non-members may be made by credit card or cash at the ADSL office on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual payment plan.

Not all base residents will be able to sign up for the new service. Lodging and the senior NCO dorms will not receive high-speed Internet for the next several months due to telephone switch configuration problems.

Installations will be conducted Mondays through Fridays during normal duty hours. The 39th CS estimates completing up to 25 residences per day during the installation period. Accommodating everyone on base could take up to a month.

"Not every house will be able to get ADSL service immediately," said Lt. Col. Russell Warner, 39th CS commander. "Most of the housing telephone lines in the ground were installed before wide-spread use of the home Internet. They were designed for voice qual-

ity, not data quality. A MayaNet technician will visit every house to assist with the installation."

"The ADSL project has been in the works since January," said Maj. Omar Gauthier, 39th CS mission systems flight commander. "The concept of this project was to provide high-speed Internet services at a reasonable cost while not incurring additional manpower requirements to the communications squadron.

"In support of this project we have repaired or fixed more than 1,800 phone lines," he added. "Through the use of a portion of our \$34.68 (monthly phone bill charge) we were able to purchase \$135,000 of the required equipment as opposed to renting it, passing the savings on to the customer through reduced rates."

Customers can expect to pay the following monthly fees for Internet service:

	Club Member	Nonmember
128K	\$23	\$27
256K	\$34	\$38
512K	\$54	\$58
Dial-Up	\$11	\$15

For more information contact the ADSL office, 6-3032.

Modem requirements

Computer modems must be ADSL (not DSL) and meet the following industry standards:

1. Supports full-rate G.DMT (ITU-T G.992.1) and T1.413 Issue 2 ADSL: up to 8 Mbps downstream and up to 1 Mbps upstream
2. Supports G.lite (ITU-T G.992.2) ADSL: up to 1.5 Mbps downstream and up to 512 Kbps upstream
3. Supports DSL handshaking (ITU-T G.994.1)

Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. People can take part by keeping office and building grounds clean and well maintained. For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail combatproud@incirlik.af.mil



Base Pride... Mission Pride

IN THE NEWS

Holiday mailing deadlines

Packages should be mailed by Saturday for priority and first-class mail to reach the United States before Christmas. For more information, call the Official Documents Center at 6-6301.

Building manager class

The next building manager class is 10 a.m. Monday at the base theater. This class is mandatory for all new appointees and current building managers and alternates who have not attended training in the last 12 months. For more information, call Ali Riza Akat at 6-3289.

Housing town hall meeting

The next Housing Town Hall meeting for family housing and dormitory occupants is 5 p.m. Dec. 21 in the Base Theater to discuss and address housing issues. For more information, call George Katsihtis at 6-6232 or 6-6930.

English volunteers

The 10th Tanker Base Command needs native-English speaking volunteers to practice the language with Turkish NCOs. For more information, call Mehmet Birbiri at 6-6060.

Commander's Corner

A radio show featuring Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, is noon Thursdays on AFN 1590. People with questions for the commander can call 6-8390.

Angel Tree

The First Sergeant's Council is sponsoring an Angel Tree program. Angel Tree is a program that offers the Incirlik Community the opportunity to provide gifts to the children of those Air Force Families who need a little assistance during the holidays.

To participate, people can take an angel off the tree and purchase a gift ranging from \$10 to \$20. Return the gift unwrapped with the angel attached to the base exchange service desk or to the family support center by Dec. 16.

Budgets need hard look before Jan. 1

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

'Tis the season to be jolly, unless you are the paycheck of an Incirlik military member which will be taxed again for the first time in 14 years beginning Jan. 1.

According to a release dated Nov. 3 by the Undersecretary of Defense, military members stationed here will lose Combat Zone Exemption and Exclusion as of the first of the year because the base's direct support status for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom will terminate effective Dec. 31.

What does this mean to those serving here? Plenty. For one, it means anywhere from \$200 or more will be missing from paychecks beginning Jan. 1. This is money people have been counting on since arriving on base. Secondly, it means people are going to have to buckle down and either start or re-evaluate their budgets to accommodate for the loss.

One of the precautions to take is making a simple budget. In the budgeting classes offered at the family support center, participants are urged to make their money work for them by telling it what to do. These classes are offered every month by calling the FSC at 6-6755. The class covers everything from saving for retirement to estimating for every single type of expense imaginable – to include vacations and support for older relatives.

The first thing most money managers will tell people to do is to eliminate their high interest rate debt. This is often accumulated, according to experts like money manager Dave Ramsey, due to the American way of life in that Americans are used to "instant gratification" and will charge things on credit cards so they can have it now.

Mr. Ramsey's program, Financial Peace University, is designed to help people get out of debt and make their money work for them. It is offered here through the chapel by signing up at 6-6441.

Because people stationed here have enjoyed lots of "free money" and a relatively cheap economy, according to Robbie Robinson, FSC Community Readiness Consultant and financial counselor, they might have been driven to buy things with the cash now and make minimum payments on credit cards. That means they might need to take a look at another program available at the FSC called Power Pay.

"It is a product of Utah State University and it allows us to enter figures on the credit agency, rate of interest, amount owed and current payment level to allow the program to calculate four different methods of paying off the combined debts at the fastest possible speed to save the most money," said Mr. Robinson, a financial planner for more than four years. "I have used this in the past and personally called it the 'career saver.'"

Other classes offered at the FSC which could help during this "crunch time" are: financial planning for remote deployments/tours, buying a home, money management, investments, credit management, checkbook maintenance and consumer protection. Mr. Robinson and another financial counselor, Jim Kenney, are also available for appointments by calling the FSC. Regardless of what classes are offered, the news of the tax exemption loss should not have been a surprise to anyone on base.

"Everyone from the wing commander to the command chief and our FSC counselors have been trying to warn people not to get used to this money," said Mr. Robinson, who has been briefing the fact that this exemption could go away in the newcomer's briefing since he arrived here in October 2003. "We will not know if we were suc-

What it means to you

All basic pay, special pays to include hostile fire or imminent danger pay and foreign duty pay, bonuses, student loan repayment and incentive pay must be included in gross income and will be taxed. These items were only excluded from gross income and not taxed during the time frame when we were classified as serving qualified service outside the combat zone. For tax year 2006:

- ♦ You will be subjected to federal withholding.
- ♦ Your retirement contribution credits, dependent care credits, education credits and child tax credits will be used to reduce the amount of tax you might owe.
- ♦ You may now be entitled to the earned income credit.
- ♦ These factors may change the amount you receive in your tax refund.
- ♦ You will now be able to make qualified contributions to your IRA.

You will need to file your tax return in a timely fashion but are entitled to an automatic extension until June 15 because you are stationed overseas. If you need additional time, you may file a form 4868 to get an additional two months. If you need time beyond Aug. 15 you may try filing a form 2688 or writing a letter to the IRS. (*Information courtesy Pub 3 – Armed Forces' Tax Guide*)

cessful in warning people not to over obligate themselves until next year when the paychecks shrink."

Until then, there are things people can do to prepare other than make a budget, like doing some research, Mr. Robinson advises. There are things that could really put people in a bind like the Universal Default Rule used by credit companies.

"This is a policy that allows the credit companies to raise their interest rates if you are late or miss a credit payment to any agency," he said. "Individual's interest rates could jump from their current level to a default rate as high as 29.99 percent. Go to Bankrate.com/brm/news/credit-management/20040120a1.asp to read the whole story."

Mr. Robinson also advises that credit card minimum payments may soon increase possibly causing strain on already stretched thin Incirlik budgets.

"Individuals paying the minimum payments on credit obligations could see their payments raised 50 to 100 percent," he said. "The best course of action for most people is to take a serious look at their credit obligations and start paying down as quickly as possible."

This "free money" loss, as Mr. Robinson calls it, comes at an inopportune time of the year when people are gearing up to spend lots of money on gifts, travel and entertaining. With a budget and will-power, surviving the tax exemption loss blues can be made easier.

Something to look forward to, however, is some tax filing breaks, which might apply to some stationed here. Previously, most military members here did not qualify for Earned Income Credit or to buy into an individual retirement account without penalties. Every little bit counts, according to Tax Center manager, Rayenna Hernandez.

"First, I suggest you check you W-4 to make sure your exemptions from withholding are correct before the first of the year," said the Incirlik volunteer. "The more exemptions you take the more money is left in the paycheck. However, it is best to have just enough withholding to cover your taxes."

Some of the deductions people can take, Mrs. Hernandez said, but are often unaware of are the child tax credit, education credit, retirement credit, credit for dependent care, IRA deductions, student loan interest, un-paid moving expenses and tuition and educator expenses.

Sleeping easy

AT/FP keeps Team Incirlik safe, lets the boss get some rest

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, has said the one thing that has kept him up at night is concern for the well-being of Team Incirlik members in regard to anti-terrorism and force protection. The three-man team in the 39th ABW AT/FP office works hard day-in and day-out to ensure the safety of base members and help the 'boss' sleep a little easier.

The ATFP office provides the wing commander advice on issues related to force protection and implements measures to prevent terrorist attacks and ensure the safety of Incirlik people, according to Capt. John Peresta, 39th ABW, chief of anti-terrorism/force protection. The office works closely with the Office of Special Investigation, the 39th Operations Squadron Intelligence Flight and the rest of Incirlik's Threat Working Group to formulate AT/FP recommendations.

Incirlik's environment and geographic location makes the efforts of the AT/FP office here that much more critical.

"Due to our location, we're probably a little more important than stateside bases," said Captain Peresta. "There are active terrorist organizations in Turkey, we're in a designated high-threat area and have sustained a (heightened Force Protection Condition level) since March 18, 2003."

To ensure all Incirlik people are on the same page when it comes to AT/FP, the office conducts Level 1 Anti-terrorism and Force Pro-

tection training for everyone on base.

More than 2,500 people per year receive this training, according to the AT/FP chief.

In addition to conducting training and advising the commander on protective actions, the AT/FP office also provides guidance to units planning construction projects.

"We attend every design meeting on base – whether it's a redesign or new construction," said Captain Peresta.

"Our role is to ensure designs meet AT/FP standards," said Tech. Sgt. Evan Schleifer, NCO in charge of AT/FP.

While the AT/FP office does its part to ensure the safety of people on the installation, Captain Peresta reminds people there are individual measures they can take to protect themselves when outside the gates.

"People need to pay attention to their surroundings. They need to understand there are people out there who want to do harm to them," said the captain. "It's important to always have a cell phone with emergency phone numbers programmed into them when off base."

One of the biggest battles the office fights is trying to keep Team Incirlik focused on the increased force protection condition.

"We need to keep from becoming complacent," said Captain Peresta. "We've been in (a high FPCON level) for so long, people often forget the significance."

Making Incirlik a hard target for terrorists and ensuring the safety of base people off the installation is job one for the AT/FP office. Allowing the boss to catch a few Zs is an added bonus.



Photos by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.

A coin for your help

Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, explains the history behind the coin tradition to Taylour Hernandez, 10, (right) just before Colonel Stinnette awarded him one Thursday for his behind the scenes involvement during the recent Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement Team visit.



Amiah Tindal, 3, gives Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, a "peck on the cheek" after he gave her a coin Thursday for her behind the scenes involvement during the recent DECA visit.

Ready to Rock

Exercise keeps Team Incirlik ready for any scenario

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

They may not be the most fun, but exercises, like the enemy attack exercise this week, are tools vital to learning how to respond in the event of an emergency or an attack.

"We have exercises so we can practice the procedures we will follow if there is an actual situation," said Maj. Shawn Burlingmair, 39th Air Base Wing Plans chief and Exercise Evaluation Team chief. "We want everyone to be prepared to deal with those situations properly."

Most of the exercises at Incirlik fall under the broad category of full spectrum response exercises, this category includes natural disaster, enemy attack and terrorist attack exercises. An enemy attack exercise, like the one from Monday to Wednesday this week, is created around a scenario of a major conflict going on in theater, said Major Burlingmair.

"For one of these exercises, we practice our defensive actions like we were really attacked," he said.

The EET runs the scenarios and sets up events in an exercise. Then they take a step back and watch how people respond to the scenario. If people do what they are supposed to they get a pat on the back, but if something goes wrong EET members are there to step in and correct the error.

"When a person is confronted by EET they shouldn't run away, this could be their



Photo by Master Sgt. William Gomez

Master Sgt. Christopher Hernandez and Staff Sgt. Coleen Gibson, Exercise Evaluation Team members, inspect a readiness kit as part of the enemy response exercise Tuesday. The exercise, designed to test Team Incirlik member's ability to respond to an enemy attack involved the entire 39th Air Base Wing and its tenant units.

chance to shine," said Staff Sgt. Coleen Gibson, 39th ABW XP. "If you're making a mistake we can help point you in the right direction, be a sounding board of sorts. If you're ever in doubt about what to do, or how to answer a question, look in your Airman's Manual."

"If an event is happening, just do what you are trained to do and again always refer to your Airman's Manual and up channel if

you don't know how to handle something," said Master Sgt. Christopher Hernandez, EET member for the exercise. "The evaluator may or may not ask questions, they may just sit back and watch things transpire."

Sometimes exercises mean people get out of their comfort zones and help other sections in the wing that may need more help with war time missions.

"We have a lot of war time functions that have to be performed that don't have to be done in peace time," said Major Burlingmair. "For example the 39th Civil Engineer Readiness Flight needs a lot of augmentees to help them survey the base after an attack to determine if there were any chemical agents used. This is something most people don't normally deal with every day. We simulate these things so in the end, Airmen will be able to fight and survive in a real world situation."

"Overall, it went fairly well," said Sergeant Hernandez. "We have identified the breakdowns and provided hands on corrective actions with a follow-up report to follow to the commanders."

Survival in the face of attack is the overall goal of any enemy attack exercise. If people know what to do in a real world emergency, the exercise has done what was intended, saved lives.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Tech. Sgt. David Stamper, 39th Communications Squadron information assurance NCO in charge, checks on a simulated missile attack victim during the enemy attack exercise this week.

The Whirling Dervishes perform through Dec. 17 in Konya, a city located about 250 miles northwest of Adana. Mevlana Celeleddin-i-Rumi, the founder of the Whirling Dervishes, was from Konya.



Courtesy photo



By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Ask MEHMET

*"Come, come, whoever; whatever you are.
Come again infidel, idolator or fire-worshiper come again.
Our monastery is not a place of despair;
Even if you have violated your oaths a hundred times, come again."*

And millions, from every corner of the earth, have accepted that invitation throughout the centuries.

The founder of the Whirling Dervishes, Mevlana Celeleddin-i Rumi's message of love, brotherhood and tolerance was so powerfully expressed in his poetry that his teaching spread throughout the Moslem world even before his death on Dec. 17, 1273.

Before his death, Mevlana told his followers not to cry and mourn when he died; because for him, death was a "wedding day, a nuptial night." The day you get back to your origin, the day you get united with God. Thousands of tourists and pilgrims will go to Konya next week to observe the Whirling Dervishes dance. Mevlevi disciples come from throughout Turkey to celebrate the wedding night of their founder.

Konya (ancient Iconium), which St. Paul visited three times, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. It was already a major political and religious center when Mevlana arrived there in 1226.

He was a professor in the theological seminary and a preacher in the mosque. Mevlana became so popular that everyone, from the sultan to the person selling fruit and vegetables on the street, referred to him as "our master."

Mevlana's message of love, peace, brotherhood and unity with

God appealed to the people of that strife-torn time. Nevertheless, the religiously conservative citizens objected to his use of stringed instruments, drums and reed flutes. This music accompanied whirling through which he and his disciples sought to align themselves with nature and thus with God. Mevlana insisted, however, that prayer has a motion.

His followers eventually developed the distinctive whirling movement of their unique prayer ritual. Symbolic movements, special clothing and musical instruments are all part of the Mevlevi ceremony.

The dance, in three parts, represents the states of knowing God, seeing God and uniting with God. Ecstasy and passion were hallmarks of Mevlana's thoughts of art.

Mevlana brought mysticism to the excitement of poetic recitations, music and dance. He came to be revered by men of many faiths and symbolized the unity of mankind.

"There are hundreds of thousands of bodies, but only one soul," he said. Iranians claim him as a national poet since he wrote in Persian. Afghans love him, because he is a Turk and taught on their soil.

At his funeral there was a large gathering of people from all backgrounds and religions who adhered to his peaceful and universal ideas.

His son founded the Mevlevi order in his name and built a mausoleum in Konya. It became a gathering place for all humanity who came to respect his preachings of love, brotherhood, peace, humanity and tolerance.

Many nobles, politicians, artists and statesmen became members of his order. Ottoman sultans visited his tomb before departing on long campaigns.

Since the 13th century, Konya's citizens have welcomed foreign tourists. Annual performances are given during the week preceeding Dec. 17. To accommodate spectators, the dance is performed in a gymnasium decorated for the occasion.

Various travel agencies are offering trips to see the Whirling Dervishes between Dec. 10 and 17.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

TAP Seminar

A Transition Assistance Program seminar is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the family support center. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Billiards tournament

A billiards tournament is 6 p.m. Wednesday at the community center. Registration fee is \$5, the winner of the tournament gets the cash. To sign up or for more information, call the community center at 6-6966.

ICSC luncheon

The Incirlik Combined Spouses Club is hosting a favorite cookie recipe and gift exchange luncheon 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the club.

Each member should bring 12 copies of their favorite cookie recipe along with a dozen cookies for the recipe exchange. Those who wish to attend should call Julie Hayes at 6-5811 by Monday. Cost of the lunch is \$7.50. For more information, call Nili Kosterman 6-2498.

AFSA

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1660 meets 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month in the enlisted lounge. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Greene at 6-6123.

Lunch and bowl

Mondays through Fridays all military members in uniform can bowl for free 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the purchase of lunch from the Magic Carpet Café. For more information, call 6-6789.

Toastmasters

The Toastmasters club at Incirlik is looking for people interested in becoming better public speakers. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Benson at 6-8334 or e-mail Carlotta Griffith at 2carlotta@gmail.com.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Senior Airman Anthonice
Campbell**

39th Mission Support Group Commander's
Support Staff representative

Time in service: Four years and six months

Hometown: Covington, La.

Time on station: 15 months

Hobbies: I like reading, shopping and surfing the Internet

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to travel and to go to school.

What do you like the most about Incirlik?

The cheese bread and other foods here.

How do you contribute to the mission?

I help provide personnel support to more than 900 base military members and their families.

What is your favorite motto?

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This proves to be true for all things you face in life. If you are the type of person who has no focus on completing goals, you will most likely settle for the first thing that comes along instead of striving for your dreams. No one should settle for second best.

What Air Force core value best describes you and why?

"Excellence in all we do." I am only human and make mistakes like the next person, but give me a task to complete and I guarantee that it will be done swiftly and accurately.

Supervisor's quote:

"Senior Airman Campbell is the embodiment of a superior performer," said Staff Sgt. Veola Brigman, 39th Mission Support Group Commander's Support Staff NCO in charge.

"Excellence is the perfect core value to describe her. She always goes above and beyond on her assigned tasks."

Classifieds

Yard Sale:

A PCSing yard sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 2835B Mugla Court in Phantom Housing. Items for

sale include electronics, video games, golf clubs, toys, clothing and more.

Wanted: Bed for a 9-year-old boy, any size. Bed frame and mattress needed as soon as possible. Also need bedroom furniture: dressers, night stands and others. For more information, call Blanca or Chris at 6-2135.

For sale: Two German Shepherd puppies, one male one female. Six months old, housetrained with AVID chip and all shots. \$100. For more information, call Fran at 0538-202-6439.

For sale: Golf clubs, MasterFit irons 2-SW, cavity back set with steel shafts, \$175. Cobra

Woods driver, 3 and 5 woods with steel heads and graphite shafts. \$60 for set. For more information, call Brandon at 6-2284.

Free to a good home: German Shepherd Kangal dog. Must give away due to PCS. For more information, call Jake at 6-5241.

Free to a good home: Two rescued male kittens. Both are microchipped and have all their shots. They must be adopted together. For more information, call Felicia at 6-5405.

Volunteers needed: The official document center needs volunteers during the holidays. For more information, call the ODC at 6-6301.

Positions available: The Incirlik base exchange currently has vacancies for people interested in regular part time, temporary part time and intermittent job opportunities. For more information, visit the Incirlik Army and Air Forces Exchange Service Human Resources Office in building 3595, e-mail kuzus@aafes.com or call 6-6008.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Combat Care

A budgeting class is 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the family support center, for more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Combat Education

All Tuition Assistance must be done through the Virtual Education Site at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/Pages/home.aspx> starting Jan. 1. People can log in to the site and view the slideshow for details or for more information, call the education center at 6-3211.

Project CHEER

People can enjoy a free movie at the Oasis theatre Christmas Day. People who attend the **Merry Movie Magic Night** also receive a free medium popcorn and medium drink. For more information, call the community center at 6-6966.

The **Cookie Caper** bagging and delivery date is Wednesday. To volunteer to help, call Nili Kosterman at 6-2498 or Christine Baker at 6-5723.

Combat Fitness

The Fourth Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk is 8 a.m. Dec. 17. People can either run or walk five kilometers starting at Arkadas Park. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Combat touch

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service
11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service
6 p.m. – Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation
9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Islamic, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Neo Pagan and Earth based religions. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



Photo by Amy Cantilina

Nutcracker Ballet

Lt. Col. Robert Ramey, 39th Air Base Wing Staff judge advocate, as Herr Drosslemeyer the ingenious toy maker, shows the Dancing Doll, Ranni Stern, 14, to children at the party, during a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet Sunday at the elementary school. More than 30 dancers, actors and stage crew participated in the production.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)
– Starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter. Victor is whisked away to the underworld and wed to a mysterious Corpse Bride, while his real bride, Victoria, waits in the land of the living. (76 minutes)

9:15 p.m. – North Country (R)(1st run) – Starring Charlize Theron and Frances McDormand. Lori Jensen endured harassment from male co-workers until she won a landmark legal decision. (123 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)
– Starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter. (76 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) – Starring Laura Linney and Tom Wilkinson. Told in flashbacks, 'The Exorcism of Emily Rose' chronicles the haunting trial of the priest accused of negligence resulting in the death of the young girl believed to be possessed. (114 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – North Country (R)(1st run) – Starring Charlize Theron and Frances McDormand. (123 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Flightplan (PG-13) – Starring Jodie Foster and Peter Sarsgaard. Kyle faces every mother's worst nightmare when her six-year-old daughter Julia vanishes without a trace mid-flight from Berlin to New York. (98 minutes)

AT THE M1

Just like Heaven (PG-13) – Starring Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo at noon, 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (101 minutes)

The Brothers Grimm (PG-13) – Starring Matt Damon and Heath Ledger at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (118 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.